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Italian Day offers best of cuisine and culture but also shows unique diversity on The Drive

The spirit of "la dolce vita" spilled onto the streets of Commercial Drive Sunday as tens of thousands of people took part in Italian Day.

The Drive was packed with culinary temptations from across the globe and hosted an impressive showcase of Italian goods — from shoes and purses, to vintage Italian vehicles like Lamborghinis, Alfa Romeos and Fiats.

"There is so much of Italy, so much of the whole of Europe in this area," said Italian Consul General Fabrizio Inserra. "It's an amazing experience just to walk by and experience that."

To kick off the festivities, members of the Italian Cultural Centre Society thanked a host of guests — including Mayor Gregor Robertson, NDP deputy leader Libby Davies and Vancouver South MP Wai Young — for attending.

"Commercial Drive encompasses all the best aspects of Vancouver in one area that people just love and enjoy and have in their souls," said Carmen D'Onofrio, president of the Commercial Drive Business Society.

Robertson said The Drive has always been an Italian stronghold and that the city is currently being lobbied to formally recognize the area as Little Italy.

"We lost Italian Days for a few years there, and it's come back stronger than ever," he said, before handing over a proclamation declaring June to be Italian Heritage Month.

Lineups for handmade cannoli and sfogliatelle stretched half a block at the Italia Bakery tent, where owner and pastry chef Sam Pero expected to sell out of his specialty by mid-afternoon.

"Cannoli is one of the staples of Italian Days," Pero said. "I keep it simple and keep them coming back for more."

Indian, Vietnamese and African food vendors offered alternative cuisine to the paninis and pizzas down the block and showed the diversity of voices in the community.

"It's about being multicultural, not just Italian," said Darmila Waty as her hands were decorated by a henna artist. "I'm from Indonesia and I love it."

DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Tens of thousands of people took part in Sunday's Italian Day on Commercial Drive. DANIEL PALMER/METRO

Can victims' kin ever move on?

As public inquiry into Pickton case wraps, struggle continues for victims' families, who have thought of little else in past 10 years PAGE 4

Police protect the Grand Prix

Montreal cops clamp down on attempts to disrupt the Formula One race, arresting dozens and clashing with protesters PAGE 6

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Weekend violence

Police investigate spree of attacks

One man was shot, another man was attacked and robbed and two men were beaten with bats in three separate incidents early Sunday morning in Surrey.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Warren Tyson said that shortly after 1 a.m. Mounties responded after a man reported that he was hit with a baseball bat at 80th Avenue and 132nd Street.

Police arrived and found two men with injuries.

"One male had a laceration on his forehead and to the crown of his head," Tyson said. "The second victim had a fractured jaw."

The victims have since been released from hospital.

Officers are looking for three suspects believed to be Caucasian males in their 20s. There is no motive yet for the attack.

The second attack happened shortly after 2:30 a.m. Tyson said a man reported he had been attacked and three men had tried to steal his gold ring and some money.

The man had a minor stab wound and was taken to hospital.

The final incident — a shooting at 91st Street and 147A Avenue — occurred at around 4:30 a.m.

When police arrived, they found a man suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Tyson said a number of persons of interest have been identified and are in police custody.

The shooting is not gang-related, he added.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

I'll Have Another, left, ridden by Mario Gutierrez, wins the 137th Preakness Stakes horse race at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on May 19.

PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE PHOTO

A renaissance at Hastings Park

So close. Locally trained jockey missed chance at Triple Crown because of horse's injury

There's a sense of optimism amongst veteran horse-racing fans, like 14-year-old Madison Hall, at Vancouver's Hastings Park these days.

For 10 of her 14 years, Hall has been coming to the track with her family to watch the ponies run, but only recently has she seen bigger crowds and younger fans, and she credits that to one man.

Mexican-born, Vancouver-trained jockey, Mario Gutierrez.

"More people get to experience this because most people didn't know about it until Mario raced," Hall said Saturday.

Until Friday morning, excitement among horse-racing fans worldwide was building, with Gutierrez and his horse, I'll Have Another, entered in the Belmont Stakes, hoping to capture the elusive Triple Crown. It's a feat that hasn't been pulled off since 1978.

But after winning the Kentucky Derby May 5 and the Preakness just two weeks later, the horse was scratched from the race Friday and retired because of a tendon injury.

Still, the crowds came out to Hastings Park to celebrate Gutierrez and his successful run.

Some wore fancy feathered hats; others, formal dresses, and suits and ties. A more casual look was adopted by some who chose to wear "Go Mario Go" T-shirts and even shorts.

Against a backdrop of the North Shore mountains, and under grey skies with promises of sun, fans sauntered through the park, taking in the smells of barbecued burgers and cigar smoke.

"Mario's been able to reach out to everybody, people not even thinking about racing, to sort of make it an entertainment option," said Howard Blank, vice-president of the Great Canadian Gaming Corp., which runs Hastings Park racetrack.

He said management has also worked hard to attract a new, younger crowd, offering DJs, fashion events, Friday night races and even "hooky" races for those who want to get off work early.

While attendance at horse-racing events has been dropping around the world, the crowds actually rose by 10 to 15 per cent at Hastings Park in 2011, said Blank.

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On the web

Popular pastor denies choking daughter

Megachurch pastor Creflo Dollar denied Sunday that he punched and choked his 15-year-old daughter in an argument, telling his congregation the allegations made in a police report are nothing but "exaggeration and sensationalism." Watch church members' reactions at metronews.ca.

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Minor injuries. Plane crashes into building in 100 Mile House

Three people are lucky to be alive after a Cessna 172 crashed into a building in the community of 100 Mile House, say police.

RCMP Const. Lesley Smith said the incident took place around 3:45 p.m. Saturday, and the occupants have now been treated in hospital for non-life-threatening injuries

"This could have been a tragic event, but at this time we only have the three people on board that suffered injuries and they were minor in nature," said Smith.

Jackie McDonald told a Kamloops radio station that she was outside her place of work when she saw the plane hit some wires across the highway, smash into a sign, lose a wing and skid across a parking lot into a building.

She said one of the occupants was covered in blood.

Smith said she doesn't know the ages of the occupants and the wreckage is now being cleaned up.

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Double homicide. Trust fund created for family of Burnaby victim

A trust fund has been set up to help the family of the sushi restaurant owner who was killed in a double homicide in Burnaby late last month.

Huong (Andy) Tran, 36 was killed alongside waitress Chinh (Vivian) Diem Huynh, 34, a single mother to a four-year-old daughter, on May 27 at the Royal Oak Sushi House.

Angus David Mitchell, the 26-year-old man sought in connection to the double homicide, died in a police shootout in Maple Ridge three days later.

Police say Mitchell, a former security guard, had a hit list that targeted six individuals and six businesses across the Lower Mainland, which included the sushi restaurant and Huynh.

The list included maps, addresses and telephone numbers.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S is creating a trust account to collect donations for Tran's family.

Tran leaves behind his wife and two young kids.

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Sting operation

Teens sent into B.C. liquor stores

The provincial government has been sending teenagers into liquor stores across the province just to see who'll sell them booze. The government says 58 of 440 stores sold liquor to the kids, and that comes with a penalty of up to $7,500.

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Child luring

Teen trap nets three charges

An Internet sting by superhero-costumed teens in Chilliwack has resulted in child-luring charges against three Fraser Valley men. The teens posed as a 15-year-old girl, then dressed as superheroes, met the men and posted video on YouTube.

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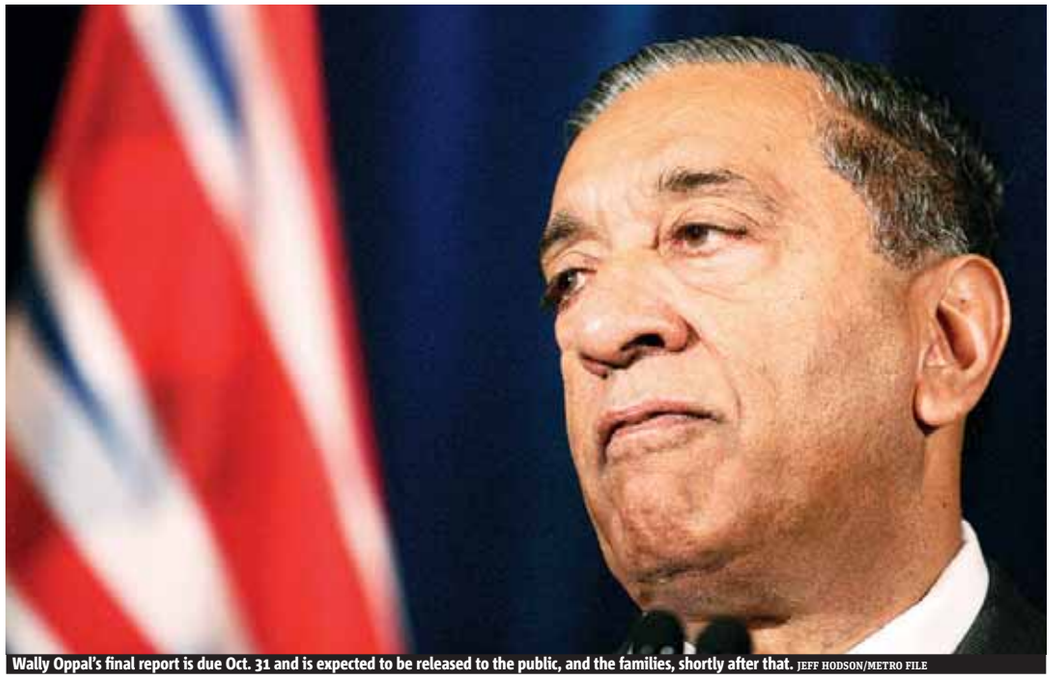

Wally Oppal's final report is due Oct. 31 and is expected to be released to the public, and the families, shortly after that. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

Pickton victims' kin longing for normalcy

Inquiry. Families hope to use their time to help other women who may be vulnerable

Quoted

"I want to be that girl who comes in and tells my story, and then they think twice."

Angel Wolfe, daughter of woman killed by Robert Pickton
on why she's chosen to reach out to at-risk girls and women

Angel Wolfe has to reach back more than a decade to remember a time before she had to think about murder trials and public inquiries and a man named Robert Pickton.

It was roughly 10 years ago, living in foster care in Toronto, that she learned her mother Brenda's remains were found on Pickton's farm in Port Coquitlam.

It was a few years before that when the phone calls from her mom suddenly and inexplicably stopped.

Wolfe and other relatives of Pickton's victims, who have spent much of the past seven months between a hotel room and the inquiry, are now returning home after what may be the final high-profile public event of the Pickton saga.

Angel Wolfe says her mother's disappearance will continue to guide her life.

She's joined a Toronto-based organization called Sextrade101, and uses her story to reach out to at-risk women and girls.

"I go around to schools and other events and I share my story, everything I've been through, my mother, how I've grown up in care, the problems I've had growing up as aboriginal, and the issues that a lot of women find themselves in," says Wolfe.

The public inquiry put Wolfe's high school graduation on hold, but she hopes to attend university, where she's considering a degree in criminology.

For Lori-Ann Ellis, who lives in Calgary, the disappearance of her sister-in-law Cara Ellis has dominated her life for the past 15 years.

Now, Ellis, 51, is returning home to Calgary, where she works as a travel agent.

Ellis says she's hoping to return to normal life, but she's still not sure what that will look like. She points out that she met her husband in the early 1990s, meaning Cara's disappearance and the subsequent legal proceedings have overshadowed more than two-thirds of their marriage.

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Province vows action after invasive Frankenfish caught in Burnaby pond

Snakehead fish.
Environment minister seeks ban on live importation of 'voracious predator'

The battle against an invasive predator known as the snakehead, or Frankenfish, isn't over, says B.C.'s environment minister.

Only hours after biologists netted the fish from a Burnaby lagoon, Terry Lake vowed to change provincial regulations by the fall to ban its live importation.

"This is a voracious predator," said Lake. "It has no natural enemies in this environment. And so left unchecked, it could devastate ecosystems, and native species would really suffer."

Officials were tipped off to the snakehead's presence last month after a video was posted to YouTube, and at about 11:15 a.m. Friday biologists caught one of the fish in Central Park.

Matthias Herborg, an invasive-species expert with the Ministry of Environment, said officials used a small dip net to capture the snakehead, which measured two-thirds of a metre long. The lagoon where it had been living had previously been drained of much of its water.

The captured Frankenfish was strong, was writhing around, and took a while to euthanize, he said, noting the animal was big for the species.

"We're going to do some more work today just to make sure there was really only one in there," said Herborg.

To ensure the snakehead cannot be brought live into British Columbia, the government will now adjust its Controlled Alien Species Regulation to include the animal, said Lake.

The changes, which have to go through cabinet but not the legislature, will hopefully become law by the fall, he said.

Snakeheads are native to fresh water in Russia and China and have few predators when fully grown. They could pose a severe risk to B.C.'s wild salmon stocks if they reached the nearby Fraser River.

They are also capable of breathing oxygen and squirming short distances over land. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Provincial officials and researchers from the University of British Columbia remove a net from a lagoon at Central Park, after lowering the water level and catching an invasive predator fish in Burnaby on Friday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Driver fined $2,000 for crash that killed child

Tow-truck driver William Mah leaves provincial court after sentencing in Vancouver on Friday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The family of a two-year-old girl who was struck and killed by a tow truck in Vancouver almost three years ago says the $2,000 fine handed to the driver has left them feeling powerless in the face of a justice system they believe has failed them.

William Mah, 44, pleaded guilty Friday to driving with undue care and attention — a provincial traffic violation — for his role in the death of Aoi Kazama in August of 2009. The plea and sentence came in a joint submission from the Crown and defence.

Mah was behind the wheel when his flatbed tow truck hit a baby stroller, killing the girl and severely injuring the toddler's mother, Aiko Kazama.

He was initially charged with dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm, but the Crown agreed to a deal that saw him plead guilty to a lesser offence that will spare him a criminal record.

Quoted

"They feel the system they had faith in is flawed, and they will never be given the closure they need."

Victim-impact statement, read to reporters outside the court house by Aoi Kazama's aunt, Sheira Hallam-Barbieri

The Crown explained the decision was made after new details emerged about the accident, including expert opinion that Mah was driving well below the speed limit and evidence that a jaywalker had momentarily distracted Mah's attention.

That explanation did little to calm the anger of the girl's family, who had urged the Crown not to make the plea deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Montreal police keep subway running despite Grand Prix disruption threat

Student uprising. Police criticized for 'preventative' measures that kept potential protesters away from race site on island

Police use pepper spray and fight with protesters during an arrest near the Montreal Grand Prix festival area on Sunday. PETER MCCABE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal police clamped down on any attempt to disrupt the subway line running to the city's Formula One Grand Prix race Sunday, arresting 34 people and forcing dozens more from the off-shore island where the race was held.

There were no major incidents despite plans by an anti-capitalist group — promoted on a student association website — to disrupt the subway line that shuttled thousands of fans to the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

Officers were posted throughout the subway system, with sniffer dogs and a line of police at the station only steps from the track.

But police were criticized for searches and arrests that were called "a preventive measure."

"Some of those arrested were people police recognized from earlier student demonstrations that had been deemed illegal," district commander Alain Simoneau told reporters. "In the interest of public safety, we decided to detain these people."

Masks, rocks and knives were among the objects seized. Most of those arrested will be released without charge, while others arrested in neighbouring suburbs could be charged, Simoneau said.

Police presence was high leading up to the race. A Canadian Press reporter who didn't have a Grand Prix ticket wasn't allowed onto the island where the race is being held and was forced back onto the subway along with several other people.

Several people, many of them wearing red squares, the emblem of the student movement, were seen being forcibly escorted back onto the subway by police.

One young woman in tears said she was planning to get her ticket when she met up with a friend in front of the track. The woman, who had dyed red hair, accused the police of "profiling." Police said about 40 people were forced back in all.

An Ottawa man headed to the race said he felt the police had an obligation to ensure the event went off smoothly. He said while he supports the right to protest, disrupting the transit system was out of line.

"It should be a peaceful event," said Ali Fadelalla. "Lots of tourists come from all over the world. If people start to disrupt the race it's not good for the country or the province." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta

Oil spill could have been worse: Pipeline company

A representative for the company whose pipeline spilled hundreds of thousands of litres of oil into an Alberta river suggests there were two lucky breaks that kept it from being worse.

Stephen Bart, vice-president of crude oil operations for Plains Midstream Canada, says the first piece of good luck was that the pipeline wasn't flowing at the time. The second was that the Red Deer River was swollen with recent rain, and that washed the oil to the Gleniffer Reservoir where it can be more easily contained by booms. Plains Midstream Canada estimates between 1,000 and 3,000 barrels of oil spilled Thursday.

Bart says people on are foot looking for wildlife that may have been affected by the spill, but there are few reports of injured animals so far. The company has been providing bottled water to people who draw their drinking water directly from the river and the reservoir. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For Wallenda, Niagara walk is a dream come true

On Friday, Nik Wallenda will walk a tightrope across Niagara Falls from the U.S. to Canada. This photo is from a practice session in the parking lot of the Seneca Hotel and Casino on the U.S. side. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Nik Wallenda can't visit a new place without envisioning a wire strung high above his head. Even as a six-year-old at Niagara Falls with his parents, he pictured walking a tightrope over the raging, white-water maw.

Now 33, he's ready to live out that childhood fantasy when he attempts Friday to become the first person ever to walk a tightrope directly over the brink of Niagara Falls.

"It's just natural," Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the famed Flying Wallendas, explained. "When I drive into a city, I'm always thinking, It would be cool to do a walk there. It's just the way I think and always have."

The daredevil is youthful and athletic, solidly built from gym workouts and a lifetime of training.

But it's the mental element, trusting in his skill and tuning out the potential danger, that can mean the difference between success and failure.

"You can either talk yourself out of doing something or you can talk yourself into doing something," he said.

Since first stepping on a wire when he was two, Wallenda, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., has earned six Guinness World Records. His family has been performing for audiences at circus-style shows for more than 200 years.

Quoted

"It's just natural. When I drive into a city, I'm always thinking, It would be cool to do a walk there." Nik Wallenda

The Niagara Falls walk set for Friday night, above an almost 60-metre drop and through potentially high winds and vision-obscuring mist, will be unlike anything he's ever done.

Because it's over water, the two-inch wire won't have the usual stabilizer cables to keep it from swinging. Pendulum anchors are designed to keep it from twisting under his elk-skin-soled shoes on the 550-metre walk from the U.S. shore to Canada.

"The thing about this cable, it's unique to me even, and because of that I'll be very, very focused on it," he said.

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Gay pride. Alberta premier attends festival

There were cheers at Edmonton's Gay Pride festival Saturday as Alison Redford became the first Alberta premier to participate in the annual event.

Redford spoke to the crowd in the city's downtown following the pride parade, and several thousand people filled the square as she took the stage and donned a rainbow sash. "Personally, it's a privilege to be able to be here to celebrate community, diversity, families, tolerance and an Alberta for 2012 where all of us feel safe, secure and confident about expressing who we are," she said.

Quoted

"I think we'll see a very different reaction ... from politicians from here on in." Pride organizer Michael Phair

Festival organizers called her appearance "a milestone." "I think we'll see a very different reaction and a very different sense from politicians from here on in," said Michael Phair, a member of the festival's board and a former local councillor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HIV tests. It took weeks to inform parents: Mom

The mother of a teenaged girl who is among 80 aboriginal students being tested for hepatitis and HIV says weeks passed before she was informed about the need for the tests.

Rosalind Monias says she only found out Friday that her 17-year-old daughter was one of the students who received a faulty diabetes screening early last month.

A University of Manitoba professor talked to students at Southeast Collegiate in Winnipeg on May 4 about diabetes and used a glucometer to test blood-sugar levels.

A university spokesman says the professor changed the needle used on each person, but failed to realize that the part that holds the needle must also be changed.

Many of the students were then given screenings for HIV and hepatitis as a precaution.

Monias says she's angry no one asked for her consent to do the tests until last week when she says a school official came to her door. "I couldn't sleep last night," Monias said about the stress of waiting for the test results.

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Budget. Potential for long week as Speaker set to rule on stall tactics

Opposition politicians throwing hundreds of amendments at the Conservatives' omnibus budget bill are set to find out which ones are going to stick.

What could be a marathon week in the House of Commons begins Monday with the Speaker expected to decide how over 1,000 changes proposed to Bill C-38, the government's budget implementation bill, will be dealt with in the House.

The government argues all legislation contained within the bill is to the economic benefit of the country, but critics say jamming so many major changes into a single bill means they aren't getting the scrutiny they require.

But with a Conservative majority, the bill is set to pass, so all the Opposition parties have pulled procedural rabbits out of their hats.

The New Democrats and the Liberals gave notice of over 1,000 amendments seeking to delete various clauses of the bill. Technically, a vote is required on each one, which could keep the Commons sitting around the clock for days.

Really big bill

The 400-plus pages of legislation amends some 70 laws, including the process for environmental assessment and the rules around old age security and Employment Insurance.

"The content is flawed in many respects and they just want to bulldoze through the whole process," said NDP deputy finance critic Guy Caron.

Both parties had also suggested changes at the committee studying the bill, but those were rejected by the Tories.

On Monday, the Liberals will try anew, asking that elements relating to fisheries, environmental assessment, EI and old age security be removed and introduced as separate legislation.

Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan suggested the government may look at some of the proposed changes, but argued the lion's share are merely procedural games.

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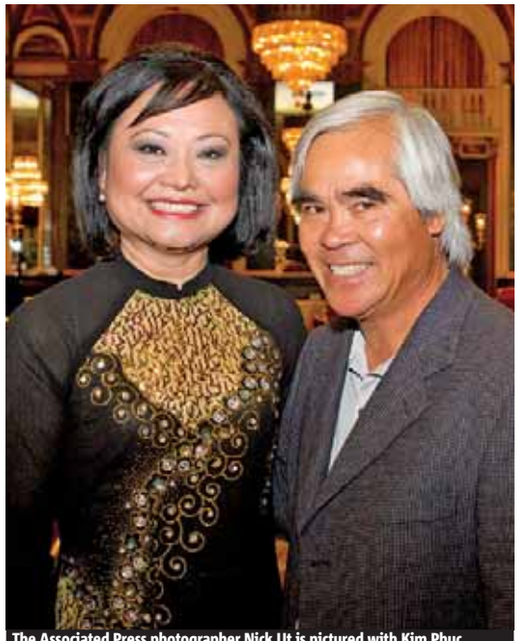
Forgiveness wasn't easy for woman in iconic Vietnam pic



The Associated Press photographer Nick Ut is pictured with Kim Phuc Phan Thi ahead of a tribute dinner in Toronto on Friday. Ut shot an iconic photo of Phan Thi in 1972 after the Vietnamese village of Trang Bang suffered a napalm attack. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hatred. Bombing changed view of the war, and left her scarred for life

A woman who came to symbolize the horrors of the Vietnam War said she thought she would "die of hatred" after the bombing that left her scarred for life.

Though she eventually learned to forgive those behind the attack — and the brutal conflict that spurred it — Kim Phuc Phan Thi vowed she would never forget the terrible consequences of war.

That she survived the raid was "an accident of history," she said on the 40th anniversary of the photo that made her famous.

Quoted

"A moment captured on film turned one child's atrocity into a story of hope and survival."

Kim Phuc Phan Thi
On the photo that changed her life

"I'll never forget my two cousins who were killed in that napalm fire and I'll never forget the millions of innocent victims who live their lives with the daily threat of violence and war," she said.

Kim Phuc was only nine years old when she was photographed fleeing a napalm strike on her village in South Vietnam on June 8, 1972.

The image of her running naked down a road captured worldwide attention and later won a Pulitzer Prize.

Recovering from the physical and emotional wounds she suffered took years, Kim Phuc said, thanking the journalists, nurses, doctors and loved ones who came to her aid in the decades since the bombing.

"In order to be really free, I had to learn to forgive," she said in an emotional speech punctuated by tears.

Kim Phuc and her husband came to Canada in 1992 and now live in the Toronto area.

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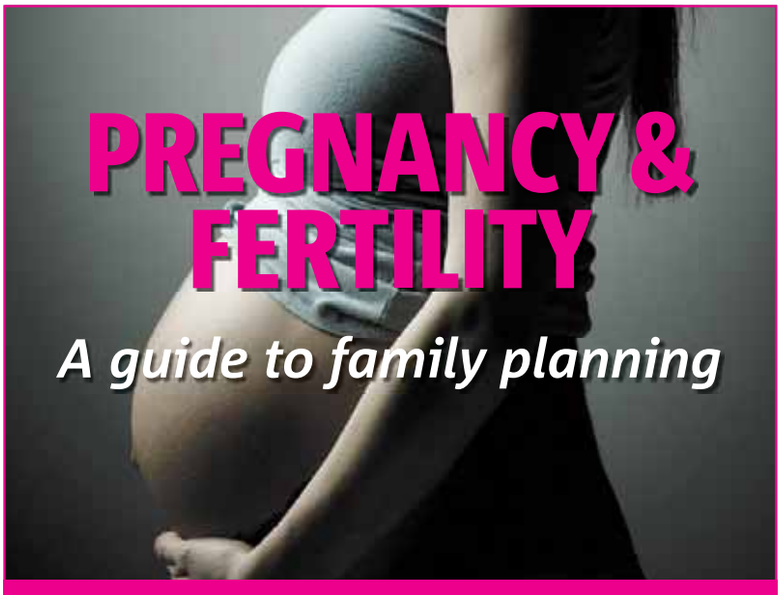

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Mourning as protest

Protesters wear white dresses and cover their eyes with white cloths to mourn the death of Chinese activist Li Wangyang during a protest march in Hong Kong, Sunday. Li, imprisoned for two decades, died in a hospital Wednesday, and a relative raised doubt on the official explanation that he had hanged himself. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian government pulls xenophobic ads

TV spots. Public-service announcements, called 'deceptive' by one activist, encourage suspicion of foreigners

A video image from an Egyptian public-service announcement reads: "Every word comes with a price. A word can save a nation." EGYPTIAN STATE TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt's government has pulled TV public-service announcements that warned against talking to foreigners because they might be spies, after critics charged the spots fuelled xenophobia and aimed to tarnish those behind last year's uprising.

The two spots ran on state and private television stations for a few days before Minister of Information Ahmed Anis ordered them off the air, a media official said Sunday.

One opens with a blond-haired young man scanning a café while a narrator says:

"From the beginning, he knows why he is here and sets up his goal. He won't have to spend much time getting to know the people in the place." The foreigner then spots three young Egyptians and heads over to them, saying in broken Arabic: "I love you so much."

The narrator says: "Our generosity has no limits," as one of the Egyptians stands up, shakes hands and invites the foreigner to sit with them.

It goes on to show the visitor smiling slyly and narrowing his eyes while listening intently to the Egyptians complaining about the economy and talking about overhearing a plot against the ruling military council. The narrator warns Egyptians not to share with outsiders their woes about the economy or political situation.

Both spots close with: "Every word comes with a price. A word can save a nation."

Claims of a "meddling foreign hand" found resonance among many Egyptians during and after the uprising, even while the revolt was driven by youthful activists.

Some among the public have mixed feelings about foreigners. At the same time, they worry about losing the country's main source of income, tourism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last days?

Mubarak's health 'in decline'

Hosni Mubarak is slipping in and out of consciousness eight days after the ousted Egyptian leader was sent to prison to begin serving a life sentence, a security official said on Sunday.

With rumours of the former president's death spreading rapidly, authorities granted his wife, former first lady Suzanne Mubarak, and the couple's two daughters-in-law special permission to visit him in Cairo's Torah prison early that morning.

"The former president's health is in decline, but now it's stable in its deteriorated state," the official said. Since his wife's visit, Mubarak has suffered from an irregular heartbeat and required assistance in breathing.

The official said that the former president now lives only on liquids and yogurt. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It's all downhill from here even with bailout: Spain PM

Debt crisis. Spain becomes the fourth and largest country to ask eurogroup to rescue its failing banks

Spain's grinding economic misery will get worse this year, despite the country's request for a European financial lifeline of up to $125 billion US to save its banks, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Sunday.

A day after the country conceded it needed outside help following months of denying it would seek assistance, Rajoy said more Spaniards will lose their jobs in a country where one out of every four is already unemployed.

"This year is going to be a bad one," Rajoy said Sunday in his first comments about the rescue since it was announced the previous evening by his economy minister.

Quoted

"Lots of people enjoyed the consumer boom, but not everybody. Now everybody's having to pay for it."

Paul Preston, history professor and expert on Spain with the London School of Economics

The conservative prime minister added that the economy, stuck in its second recession in three years, will still contract the previously predicted 1.7 per cent even with the help.

Spain on Saturday became the fourth — and largest — of the 17 countries that use Europe's common currency to request a bailout — a big blow to a nation that a few years ago took pride as the continent's economic superstar only to see it become the hot spot in the eurozone debt crisis. Its economy is the eurozone's fourth largest after Germany, France and Italy.

Although Spain has not yet said how much money it would seek, the eurogroup — finance ministers of the 17-country eurozone — said in a statement Saturday that it was prepared to lend up to $125 billion.

The funds will be sent to the Spanish government's Fund for Orderly Bank Restructuring, which would use the money to strengthen the country's teetering banks.

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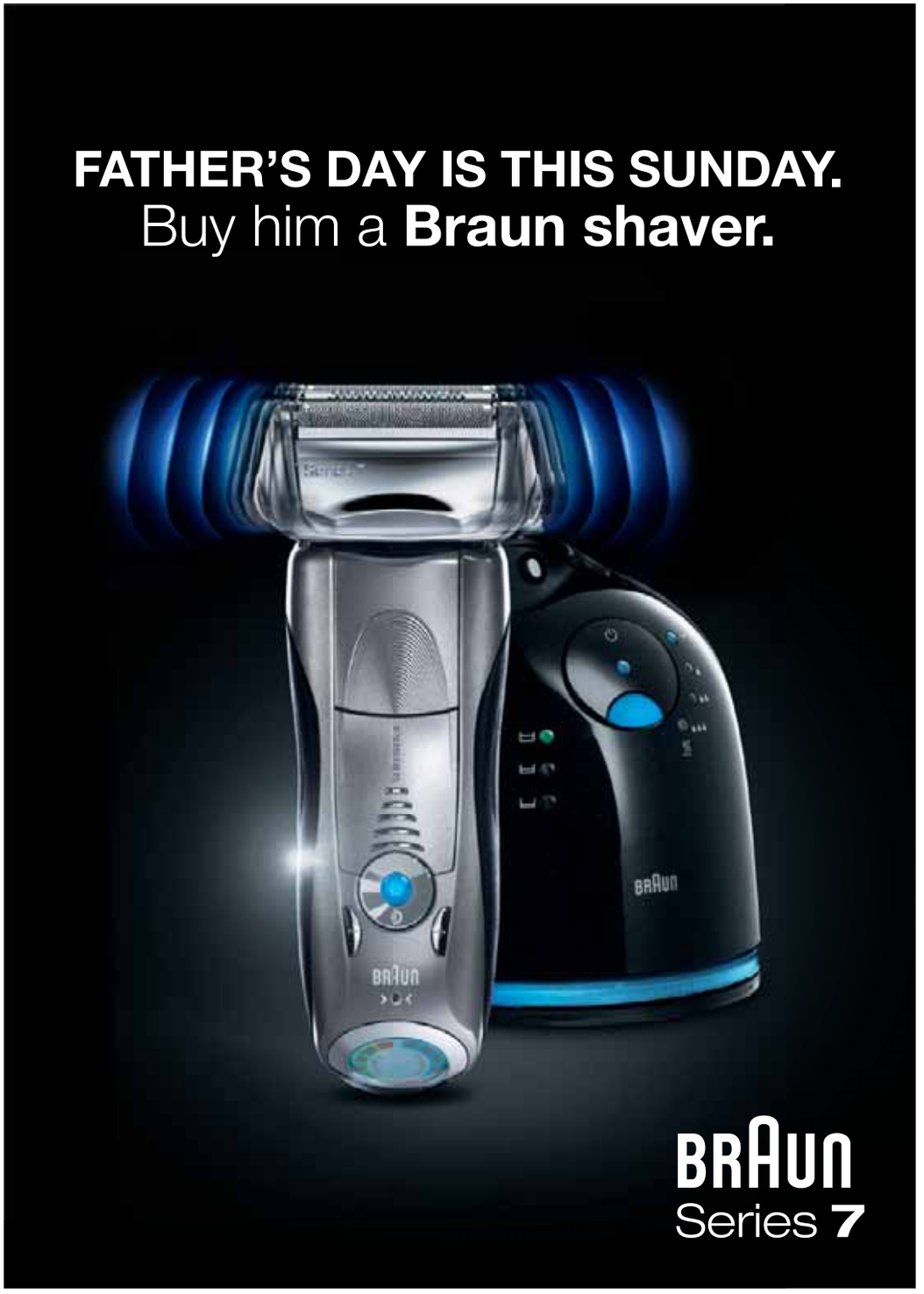
Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Apple. New iPhone, iPad software anticipated

Apple CEO Tim Cook is expected to show off new iPhone software, updated Mac computers and provide more details on future releases of Mac software when he kicks off the company's annual conference for software developers on Monday.

The announcement of new software for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch has been confirmed by banners that appeared at the Moscone conference centre in San Francisco on Friday, reading "iOS 6."

Apple has used its Worldwide Developers Conference as an opportunity to announce new iPhone software for the past few years.

What's not known is what new features will come with iOS 6, or when it will be released to consumers. Usually, the new software becomes available for download around the time a new iPhone model appears.

Apple-watchers expect the next version of the iPhone, the iPhone 5, to appear this fall, about a year after the launch of the 4S model.

In 2010, Apple demonstrated the new iPhone 4 at the WWDC, but analysts don't expect the company to show off a phone model this year.

With the launch of iOS 5 last year, Apple added many features already found in competing smartphone software. It also added the "Siri" virtual-assistant feature, which interprets voice commands and talks back to the user.

This year, there are fewer "catch-up" features to add, so Apple watchers expect more modest improvements.

Some speculate that Facebook could become more tightly integrated, in much the same way that Apple baked Twitter functions into its software last year. That could make it easier to post Facebook status updates from within Apple's apps.

On the Mac software side, there are fewer unknowns. Apple already demonstrated most of the features of OS X 10.8 "Mountain Lion" in February and said it will go on sale late this summer.

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IF IT TAKES A PILLAGE ...

URBAN COMPASS
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Well, we've had a year to think about it.

"It" being the Stanley Cup riot that erupted exactly one year ago on June 15,

And, boy, have we thought about it. There have been no fewer than five separate inquiries, including one from John Furlong, the hero of a much happier event, the 2010 Olympic Games, in which we all played so well together in our soggy sandbox.

Google Stanley Cup Riot and you get more than three million results, which leads you to wonder what more there is to say about this dark moment in our city's short but spectacular existence.

Don't worry: No matter how many times we've already wrung our hands, nothing will prevent another round this week, as we seize the opportunity of the anniversary to try and put it in perspective.

"Perspective" is the one thing that eludes me. I still can't imagine what would possess thousands of my neighbours to completely lose their minds and pillage and loot 112 businesses, 122 vehicles, and cause millions of dollars in damages. Over a hockey game? Nor can I imagine why it happened the first time, 17 years before, over another hockey game.

Stanley Cup riot

"I still can't imagine what would possess thousands of my neighbours to lose their minds."

What do stick are impressions, such as:

Police have recommended 592 charges, and so far 276 charges have been laid. Seems to me a more accurate tally, based on participation, would be 5,920 charges. Or 59,200.

The first two of the 3.4 million Google hits are ads from lawyers offering to defend you against riot charges. Great. A growth industry for parasites.

Did you see the Ray-Ban ad featuring a man (in Ray-Ban sunglasses) kissing a woman while around them, a riot rules? Any resemblance to the iconic image of the man and woman kissing in the middle of a riot-torn Vancouver street while tear gas swirls around is intentional.

What do we make of the elimination of the Canucks in the first round of the 2012 playoffs? Do you think they were a little bit afraid of what might happen if they made it to the final ... and lost again?

Good vs. Evil: I guess it was better to sweep up the broken glass, mop up the blood and gasoline, and write inspirational, heartfelt messages over the cover-up plywood than to leave the whole mess for days as mute testament to the destructive force of your friends and neighbours. But by noon the next day, the sun was shining and the streets were clean, as if nothing bad had happened.

But something bad had indeed happened. While we may never understand, we must never forget. And if that's the only lesson we manage to learn, so be it.

Worth mentioning

Endangered whale numbers up after ships rerouted

The population of a once nearly extinct whale is on the rise, partly because of an unlikely collaboration between a Canadian oil company and an aquarium.

Ten years ago, New Brunswick-based Irving Oil rerouted its shipping lanes in the Bay of Fundy to move away from the feeding grounds of the North Atlantic right whale, reducing the risk of collisions.

It's a move that scientists say has played a great role in the recovery of the endangered species.

Dr. Moira Brown, a senior scientist at the New England Aquarium in Boston, said in the past decade, the right whale population has grown by an average of two per cent annually, from about 350 whales to more than 450.

"The animals were so few in number when we started doing this that we were literally trying to reduce mortality one whale at a time," said Brown, whose aquarium continues to work with Irving to monitor the recovery of the whales.

"So, this is huge."

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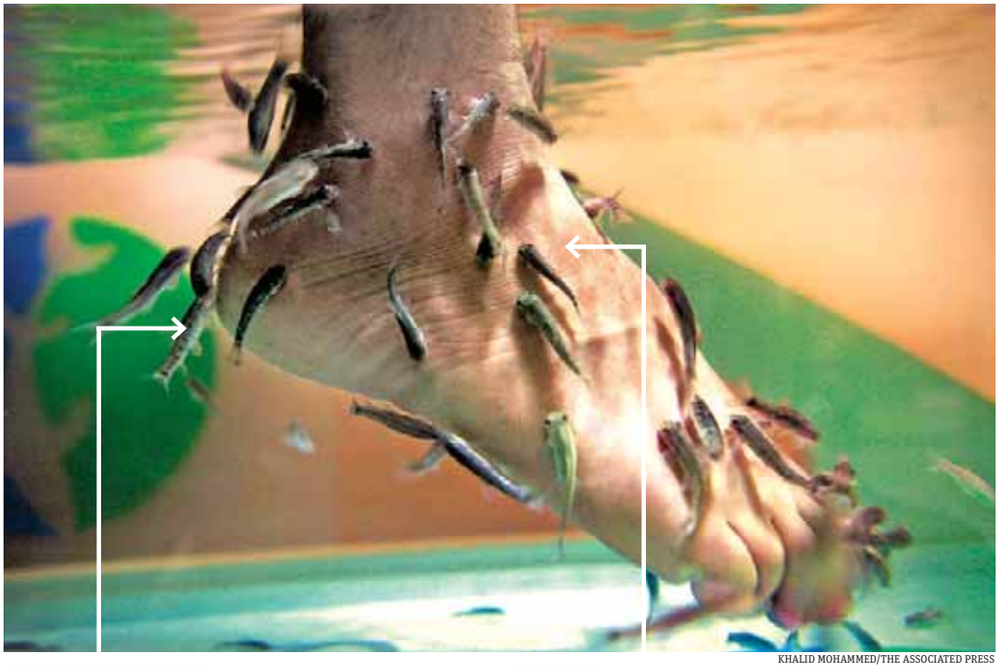
Something's fishy about this ...



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Post-violence pampering

Pedicure shops set foot in Iraq

An Iraqi man immerses his feet in a fish tank with Garra rufa, also known as doctor fish, at Baghdad's first fish-pedicure salon in Iraq on Sunday. The latest luxury spa in Iraq's capital offers another small sign of life creeping closer to normalcy, if your definition of "normal" includes having tiny fish nibble on your feet.

The salon aims to bring in Iraqi customers who have recently begun to venture out again as the violence that engulfed the country after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion ebbs.

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Water oasis

- **Bombings and shootings** are still common, but daily life has improved for most people in recent years. Dozens of beauty salons, cosmetic-surgery centres and other enterprises have sprung up to cash in on war-weary Iraqis looking for pampering.
- **Doctor's Fish Spa** opened this year in western Baghdad's upscale Mansour area.
- **Owner Musbah Saleh** says he's confident of success for his piscine pampering project despite minor logistical hurdles, such as the city's frequent power cuts that force him to run a noisy generator.

Nailing it

"Chinese massage centres, beauty salons are all thriving. So this kind of business has a promising future.... The Iraqi people need these things because they couldn't have them before."

Doctor's Fish Spa owner Musbah Saleh, commenting on the new spa industry that is thriving in Iraq.

Curb appeal

Spa located near security checkpoint

Violence in Baghdad has dropped sharply in recent years, after a wave of sectarian attacks that pushed the country to the brink of civil war. The wealthy Mansour neighbourhood near Musbah Saleh's spa saw some of the worst of the sectarian carnage.

Just down the street from Doctor's Fish Spa, there is a police checkpoint — one of dozens across Baghdad — with concrete barriers, rolls of barbed wire and armed police. Far from scaring customers off, the checkpoint was part of the location's appeal, Saleh says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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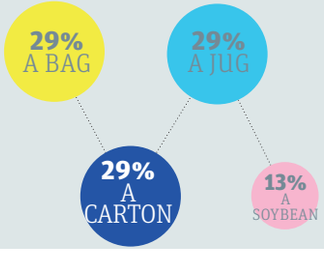

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@TravisLulay: Nice running into some @BCLions fans at Cora's in Kamloops this am! #favbreakfast @BCLionsDen @CalliCatBC1 @joesports @Aviewfromabroad

@tylergreen1040: Interesting #uselessfact - all the @adidasfootball sponsored teams remain undefeated #Euro2012

@Kara_Lang: I imagine Torres making an actual "cough" sound every time he coughs the ball up. Like a little girl cough.

@TerryGrossetti: If you think Bradley won that fight you prob also always lose your keys, never brush your teeth and still post facebook statues #RIPBoxing

@aaronschrama: Came to #Yvr with no #kiteboarding gear. An now departing with kiting gear.

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Creatures lure audiences

Circus animals and space beasts have lifted Hollywood to a huge weekend. The cuddly critters of Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted led the weekend with a $60.4 million debut, followed by a big opening for Ridley Scott's alien saga Prometheus at No. 2 with $50 million. DreamWorks Animation's Madagascar 3 was the family favourite for the weekend, reuniting voice stars Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith and David Schwimmer as the zoo animals continue their travels by joining a circus. Prometheus, from 20th Century Fox, stars Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Charlize Theron in an offshoot of director's Scott's 1979 science-fiction horror tale Alien. Prometheus did big business despite an R rating, which can limit a movie's audience in the U.S. since those under 17 must see it with an adult.

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On the web

Kevin Costner testifies at New Orleans trial of a lawsuit involving oil-cleanup devices

Metric's new album Synthetica is out on Tuesday. PHOTO: JUSTIN BROADBENT

Metric find their system

New album. Band parlays their success into making music on their own terms — and gets experimental on Synthetica

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It's a well-worn cliché: emerging indie band with big buzz but few resources faces umpteen struggles along the way before finally breaking through and becoming a bona fide international success.

But despite their steady rise, Metric have always refused to take the expected route — while other bands in their position may have succumbed to the pressures that go hand-in-hand with crossing over into the mainstream, they decided to leverage their success a slightly different way — by making their next album entirely on their own terms.

The band's new record, Synthetica, offers a sleek digital-meets-analogue twist on the quartet's signature synth-pop — fans looking for a repeat of the shiny stadium anthems of 2009's Fantasies (which sold over 1 million singles and nearly 500,000 copies worldwide) might be slightly nonplussed, but to hear singer Emily Haines tell it, success equalled more creative freedom.

"You have to really have it together on all fronts," she notes.

"It's pretty challenging to navigate the business side and the sonic side — the music you want to create, who you want to work with, the live element. So it feels like we've slowly but surely made progress in all those areas over the years, and it feels good to be heading in the direction we always hoped to."

Aside from releasing their music entirely independently through their own label via various international partnerships, another piece of the puzzle was establishing their own studio at home in Toronto — being able to hunker down amidst guitarist-producer Jimmy Shaw's growing arsenal of vintage gear and instruments proved to be the key catalyst in defining Synthetica's sound.

"It's interesting with those instruments, because when they were invented, they were associated with the future. And now here we are in the supposed future, and those instruments actually sound really charming — they don't sound alien at all."

From the robotic stomp of first single Youth Without Youth (which quickly became the first single to ever debut at No. 1 on the Canadian Mediabase alternative radio chart) to the buzzy synths propelling surefire hit The Void, Synthetica paints a portrait of a modern era too preoccupied with keeping up than it is with taking stock.

"It's our examination of what's real and what's artificial," Haines explains.

"So it's a lot about looking back to look forward — it's not really so much about reminiscing as trying to get a handle on things so you can figure out which direction to take."

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Robot Chicken still going strong

An unlikely hit. Seth Green surprised his hilarious 'side project' is now on its sixth season

When Seth Green launched Robot Chicken back in 2005, he thought the same thing most viewers likely did — that the scattershot animated gag machine was a fun diversion destined for a TV lifespan not much longer than one of its pithy sketches.

So with the 100th episode of the Emmy-winning trouble-making-with-toys comedy set to air on Teletoon this Sunday night, the 38-year-old is as surprised as anyone by the manic show's longevity.

"It's super surreal," marvelled the upbeat Green in a recent telephone interview.

"Because this was just never meant to be something that actually was a show, let alone a series, let alone a long-running series. This was such a side project. This was such a silly thing that we wanted to make.

"It evolved into something that other people were watching, and so we realized we were making it for all of us."

The stop-motion sketch series arrived in February 2005. Grown from a short-lived web series produced by Green and Robot Chicken co-creator Matthew Senreich, the show was aired on Adult Swim before that property became a cross-platform cartoon titan producing TV shows, video games and music.

Back then, it wasn't even its own network, but just a programming block on the Cartoon Network.

"We didn't expect anything," said Green. "Adult Swim was really just taking shape. We weren't even sure if the network was going to be around in a couple months.

"And we had no idea what we were doing," he added, noting that the show's producers initially took on an overly ambitious production schedule. "I actually had a physical breakdown toward the end of that year."

With Robot Chicken, Green and Senreich let their childhood obsession with toys fuel a rapid-fire melange of imaginatively bawdy jokes steeped in geek culture — one sketch of thousands, for instance, depicts a Star Wars stormtrooper bringing his poor daughter onto the Death Star during "take your kids to work day."

Over five seasons, the show has welcomed a stunning array of Hollywood A-listers into its cracked world, including Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mila Kunis, Snoop Dogg, Megan Fox, Scarlett Johansson, Conan O'Brien, Ryan Seacrest and Charlize Theron.

Seth Green THE CANADIAN PRESS

But perhaps the biggest boon to the show's fortune was timing. Less than a week before Robot Chicken hit the airwaves, YouTube launched and suddenly seized upon and furthered the Internet's collectively voracious desire for short-form content. And Robot Chicken's snickering snippets were the perfect fit.

It was a coincidence that looked like prescience, Green says. "Isn't that weird? It makes us look like we really knew what the hell what we were talking about," he said with a laugh. "No, we just didn't have money to shoot anything longer than four minutes, so we developed rapid-fire short-term content.

"When Robot Chicken came around, we originally called it ADD TV, because we thought that was what it was — it was jokes without a laborious setup, all punch lines. It's straight to the point."

Green and his collaborators are currently in the process of piecing together the sixth season of the show (which airs earlier in the U.S. than it does here in Canada), although he's focusing his effort on directing a one-time Robot Chicken special set in the DC Comics universe.

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Previous roles

- **Seth Green.** The ginger-haired actor is best-known for roles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the Austin Powers series. He also provides the squeaky voice of dim-witted pubescent adolescent Chris Griffin on Family Guy.

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Perry keeps it professional

With her marriage to Russell Brand falling apart, Katy Perry learned how to keep her personal problems backstage while touring last year, she explains to Graham Norton in an interview.

"I love being onstage, and even though I went through some pretty tough times last year, I had to separate that because I know my problems are my problems and they are not the audience's problems," Perry says.

"They are here to see a show and to be entertained, so I got on that lift, put a smile on my face and went up (onstage) with my t–s spinning." After her interview, Perry was spotted grabbing dinner with Florence + the Machine guitarist Robert Ackroyd, with whom she'd supposedly split up last month.

Something we haven't seen, please

Madonna has never been one to put on a PG show, but her Thursday night concert in Istanbul made rolling around moaning in a wedding dress look subtle.

While performing her song Human Nature, the 53-year-old — wearing some combination of fishnets and upscale suburban mall bondage — decided that fondling herself wasn't quite enough.

At the end of perhaps the world's most choreographed, awkward striptease, the singer flashed the audience of 55,000 her right nipple before ending the song with her hand down her pants.

Is she still sexy?

Of course. But she's now officially in the creepy aunt subsection.

Madonna. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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The Word

Lindsay Lohan's car crash still happening

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Lindsay Lohan got into a nasty car accident in L.A. over the weekend, and because this is Lindsay Lohan, things are far from over.

The actress, who was driving, initially claimed that an 18-wheeler cut off her black Porsche, causing her to slam into the back of it and total her car.

We're not sure if the damage matches up to this story — we're not even sure we've ever seen a Porsche in one piece — but the driver of the truck tells TMZ that Lohan, who was speeding, caused the crash, then attempted to leave the scene while her assistants negotiated a bribe and removed the actress' belongings from the car.

"I'd already called 911 because they were trying to get away from the scene," the truck driver tells the site. "But they packed a bag and then the (assistant) told me, 'Don't mention the bag to the cops.'"

Lindsay, for her part, is sticking with her original story, but yesterday also floated the idea that the brakes on the Porsche, which was a rental, were recently replaced and failed.

Lindsay, we realize you didn't have a normal adolescence, so allow us to explain how this works: When you irresponsibly smash up an expensive car that isn't yours, the correct response is to cry, call your mom and say "officer" a lot.

Rinse and repeat as necessary.

Snooki. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Warning: Nude Snooki is lurking out there

Jersey Shore star Snooki seems to be the latest celebrity to get her phone hacked and, surprise, there were nude photos on there.

The pictures, which were first posted to the blog Egotastic, show her — or, if we're entertaining a really dark world, an impersonator — in a hotel room and appear to be at least six months old.

We can't decide what's more upsetting: That we've seen Snooki naked, or that we can estimate how long ago she was naked.

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That moment when u realize ur watching a show on DVR and get mad at yourself for not FFing thru commercials.

@rustyrockets
I think that it is good that #RockofAges soundtrack has gone to number one. I sing songs on it.

@SarahKSilverman
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Health

Marijuana more popular than smokes

A U.S. government survey shows more teens are now smoking pot than cigarettes.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 23 per cent of high school students said they recently smoked marijuana, while 18 per cent said they puffed cigarettes. The survey asked teens about a variety of risky behaviours.

For decades, the number of teens who smoke has been on the decline. Marijuana has fluctuated, and recently rose. At times, pot and cigarette smoking were at the same level, but last year marked the first time marijuana use was clearly greater.

An earlier survey by the University of Michigan also found that pot smoking was higher. A Michigan expert said teens today apparently see marijuana as less dangerous than cigarettes.

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On the Web

Honey is flowing at posh hotels from Paris to NYC as bees take up residence

Is the name Jaden taken? What about Justin? GETTY IMAGES

Of 'stolen' baby names

Etiquette. What if someone got to your "special" one first?

SHAWNA COHEN
Mommyish.com

Just days after Blue Ivy entered the world, proud parents Beyoncé and Jay-Z trademarked their little girl's name. But guess what? You can still name your little bundle Blue Ivy if your heart desires (just don't go using that name on your line of hipster onesies).

Baby names are a free for all. Nobody owns the rights to a baby name — not your cubicle mate, your BFF or your very own sister who had the name "Zoe" picked out from birth. And it's about time people stopped accusing others of "stealing" their baby names. This isn't high school, people!

Recently, the Social Security Administration released its list of the top American baby names for 2011. As fascinating as the list itself is, some people are actually upset if their chosen baby name happens to have fallen on it. For example, the name Mason is in the No. 2 spot for boys — much to the dismay of parents who believe they personally invented/discovered that name (newsflash: you didn't!).

One Mommyish reader named Katie shared her own ridiculous baby name-stealing story. It goes like this: A girl in her daughter's class is named Isabelle. Isabelle's mom went nuts when a fellow mom named her second child Isla. She claims to have invented the name Isabelle and she felt that Isla was just a bit too similar. So Isabelle's mom flipped out at Isla's poor mom and accused her of stealing the name she magically created by combining Izzy and Belle. (Isabelle's mom, if you happen to be reading this: Get a grip, lady!)

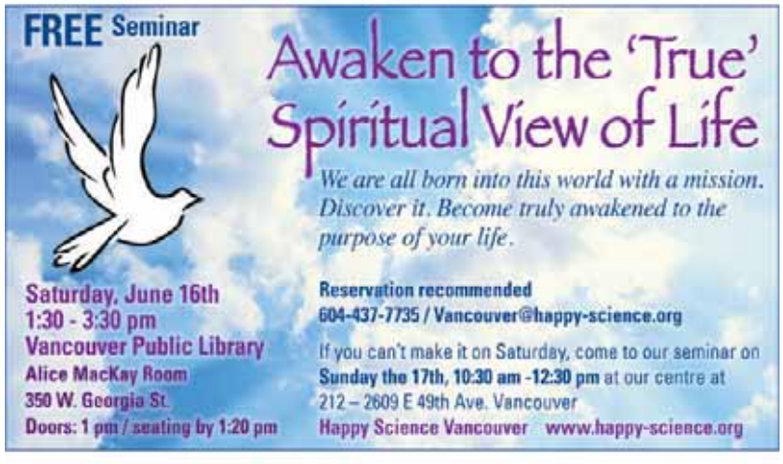
Also this month, the New York Times devoted space to this very issue. One reader "Meghan" from St. Louis — wrote in with the following:

"I'm expecting my first child next month. We're naming our son Benjamin, a family name filled with meaning. I told my colleagues months ago. My assistant is also expecting her first child. She recently announced that she will name her son Benjamin, too. I approached her privately and told her I was upset. She thought I was being unreasonable, and told me she chose the name after me because she thought it was cute. What should I do?"

Meghan, too, was told to get a grip — thank God! (It was even recommended that she consider the name Nenjabim as an alternative, which cracked me up.)

My point is this: If you have an "original" baby name picked out, don't share it in advance. If you do share it in advance, don't be upset if someone else uses it.

Another point: If you hear a name that you like, go ahead and use it. Who cares if there are two Jadens in the same playgroup? Chances are there will be two more in little Jaden's classroom, anyway, and another seven at your next door neighbour's birthday party.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A distinctly savoury and stylish take on cheesecake

Top these little cakes with smoked salmon with a sprig of fresh dill; pear with caramelized onions; caviar and sour cream; prosciutto-wrapped fig or; black olive tapenade.

1. Line a 23-cm (9-inch) pan with foil, letting it hang over the edge for easy removal of cheesecake; set aside.

2. Crust: In a bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, sugar and pepper. Press into pan. Bake in 150 C (300 F) oven for 10 minutes. Let cool completely.

3. Filling: Using a food processor, blend cream cheese, sugar, egg, egg yolk, sour cream, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Process until all ingredients are fully incorporated and batter is free of lumps, about 1 minute. Pulse in walnuts and chives.

4. Pour into pan and spread evenly over crust. Bake for 20 minutes or until centre is firm. Do not over-bake. Let cool completely in pan, cover and place in refrigerator overnight.

This recipe makes 15 to 20 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

5. Remove cheesecake from pan. With a warm, dry knife, trim off edges. Cut remaining cheesecake into 2.5-cm (1-inch) or 4-cm (1 1/2-inch) squares, wiping the knife after each cut. Top as desired and serve. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDS.CA)

Ingredients

Crust
- 250 ml (1 cup) graham cracker crumbs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, melted
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each granulated sugar and freshly ground pepper

Filling
- 1 1/4 pkgs (250-g/8-oz size) cream cheese, room temperature (312 g/10 oz total)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 20 ml (4 tsp) sour cream
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) lemon juice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground pepper
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Is there such thing as green hotels? And if so how can I find one?
Dan of Toronto

Indeed, there are green hotels!

Many work to conserve resources like energy and water — by installing everything from energy-efficient lighting to low-flow shower heads. Other green hotels tackle waste and pollution with food waste composting, in-room recycling and using eco-friendly cleaning products.

One option is to search the Green Key Eco-Rating Program website at greenkeyglobal.com. They rate hotels and resorts in Canada, the U.S. and internationally on environmental performance

Top Canadian Hotels (topcanadianhotels.com) also allows hotels to self-select as "green" by submitting an evaluation of their environmental performance — energy conservation, pollution prevention — to receive green leafs (one to five). However, it doesn't appear that the actions committed by the hotels are verified by another third party, or Top Canadian Hotels for that matter.

A leader in the green hotel movement has been the Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. In 1990, the company launched a Green Hotel Partnership Program to minimize its properties' carbon footprint. In Vancouver, the Fairmont Waterfront raises 500,000 honeybees on its rooftop and maintains a beautiful herb garden (excellent bee food), not to mention serving Ocean Wise seafood, organic wines and much more. They believe they can minimize their environmental impact while offering guests an outstanding experience! And why not?

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A simple Internet search using "green hotel" will reveal some excellent options. ISTOCK PHOTO

‘I saw him heal completely’

Wellness at work. Facing a health scare with her son, Angela Shim took matters into her own hands

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Sometimes the most amazing things in life come in the smallest packages.

Angela Shim was working in a bank when she gave birth prematurely to her son.

When he was diagnosed with severe health problems, she was told by the doctors that there was nothing more they could do.

“He was eight years old and looked like a dehydrated old man covered in gauze. I made a decision at that time I was going to do whatever it took to find a solution.”

Angela went to workshops, web seminars and naturopaths; then she went to work on her son.

“I saw him heal completely. We got him off puffers and medications and we saw a new person.”

Angela’s son is now a healthy 19-year-old.

She left the bank and created a new career helping other parents heal their children through food nutrition and energy management.

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Angela Shim, co-founder of the Whole Child Network. PROVIDED

Not accepted: Fear of the flat envelope

There’s life after that letter. Recover and recharge after post-secondary rejection

MELISSA REBER
Metro News

As a high school senior I remember anxiously awaiting word of my acceptance to my top university picks. That day came when I had all the envelopes in my hand — three stuffed to the brim with good news, and one pathetically thin with rejection.

I was offered a spot in another program, but this was still not what I was hoping for when I applied. As an 18-year-old who was not quite sure what I wanted to do with my life, the three acceptance letters left me with more choices then I knew what to do with, but there was a small part of me that felt the sting of not being ‘good enough’ for that one university.

Receiving a rejection letter to one, or a few, of your university applications is not uncommon.

With the number of applicants rising each year the competition is fierce if you want to secure a spot at one of the top universities in Canada.

So what happens when you receive that rejection letter and your dreams of walking across the graduation stage at (insert school name here) are dashed?

Allison Singh, author of Getting Over Not Getting In: A College Rejection Guide, offers advice on getting past the feelings of inadequacy and upset:

Remember that rejection will not hold you back

“But entering college full of bitterness and self-doubt will,” says Singh,

“Research shows that these days it does not matter where students attend college, or at least not as much as they might think. Employers value skills and internship experience more than the name on a diploma. Success is up to the individual.”

Resumé reality

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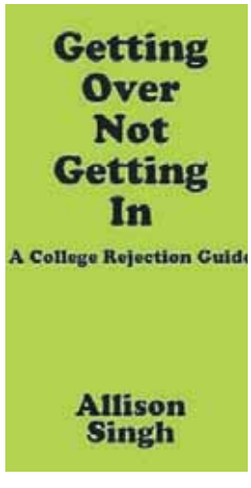
Allison Singh
Author of Getting Over Not Getting In: A College Rejection Guide

Respect your feelings

“Sometimes we minimize the sting of rejection or condescendingly tell students to just brush it off. This is unfair,” Singh says. “In many ways, we have set students up for this by making the college admissions process the central focus of high school. I begin by reminding students that rejection is not an indicator of their ability or future success. They should be proud of what they accomplished in high school, regardless of where they end up.”

Move forward

Singh suggests students to take another look at the schools that did accept them. “Visit the schools, talk to students. If they keep looking back at the school that said no, they will miss out on all of the opportunities at the school that said yes.”



Breaking away from stereotypes

Motivating through movement. Young breakdancers put co-ordination, creativity to the test with fancy footwork

Gezim Topalli, left, performs for elementary school children with his mentor Drew Moore. The duo is part of a Halifax-based program that uses breaking to teach confidence and individuality to youth. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The wide-eyed kids file into the school gym just as 17-year-old Gezim Topalli drops to the floor and spins on his head like a child's top.

"Whoa!" a few youngsters cry out, their eyes glued to the lithe boy with the muscular arms as he twists and turns effortlessly on the hard floor of Oldfield Consolidated Elementary in Enfield, N.S.

In an instant, a smirking Topalli is back on his feet, eager to teach his young audience the basics of breaking — or breakdancing, as it's commonly known — alongside his mentor, Drew Moore.

The duo is part of Concrete Roots, a Halifax-based program that uses breaking and hip hop to reach out to young people and encourage them to be themselves.

"We place a strong emphasis on creativity; you learn how to do a dance a certain way and then you're very much encouraged to break away from that and find your own style," says Moore, a professional B-boy and director of Concrete Roots.

"That's something that really appeals to a lot of kids. You see them light up."

The 32-year-old former teacher became interested in breaking after watching a music video by rap group Run DMC and DJ Jason Nevins as a teen.

The 1998 video for It's Like That features infectious beats and a high-octane dance battle between b-boys and b-girls.

Moore started teaching breaking in 2004 as a modest after-school program while working at a middle school in Milford, N.S. The program eventually expanded to schools in Halifax and has since held workshops and other programming as far away as Yukon.

Many of Concrete Roots' first students are now instructors with the program. They host free drop-in practices for anyone who wants to try their hand — and feet — at the intricate manoeuvres.

The program has also spawned several dance crews, including Eastern Bloc, made up of b-boys all originally from Eastern countries. Among its members is Topalli, who came to Canada from Kosovo as a child.

The Grade 12 student attended his first Concrete Roots lesson a couple of years ago with one goal in mind: learning to do a head spin.

Dance to your own beat

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>
> **Drew Moore**
> Director of Concrete Roots.

"When I break, it feels good," says Topalli, who's since taken up salsa and other dance.

"It feels like I'm in the moment and everybody's having fun. It's a good vibe."

Using breakdancing as a means to engage youth some four decades later isn't unique to Concrete Roots.

Stephen Leafloor has been teaching breaking to youth in aboriginal communities for about six years as part of his program, Blueprint for Life. Recently, he began working with young aboriginal offenders at correctional facilities.

He says breaking is more than fancy footwork — it helps teach confidence and co-operation while celebrating youth and spontaneity.

"For us, it's about healing and it's a way of helping provide a modern-day survival tool kit for young people to use and adapt to their own culture and identity," says Leafloor, a social worker and b-boy.

"It's got so much flexibility: art, music, dance, passion, swagger."

Leafloor says his program doesn't accept the stereotypes often associated with hip hop culture. He chalks those misconceptions up to a lack of education.

"We don't buy into bling-bling and booty shaking and gangster rap," he says. "That's one of the very first things we talk to the kids about."

Moore says breaking is a freestyle form of dance that can provide kids with the structure they need.

"We're teaching them leadership skills and the idea of forming crews and having a positive support system will keep them on the right path," he says.

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Beginnings of the break

Story behind the steps

- Breaking emerged from the gritty boroughs of New York City in the 1970s as a street-based dance, and flourished as hip hop grew in popularity
- Dancers would duke it out in so-called battles, each one trying to outshine the other with an innovative move.

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"We just want that thing so bad, and we're going to do whatever it takes."

Los Angeles defenceman Drew Doughty, whose Kings will play the New Jersey Devils tonight in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final. The Kings have lost two straight and allowed the Devils back into the series after taking the first three games.

"It's exciting to stay alive every day."

Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur.

Boxing

"I've never been as ashamed of the sport of boxing as I am tonight."

Promoter Bob Arum, fuming after Timothy Bradley beat Manny Pacquiao on a judges' decision at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on Saturday night. In a fight Pacquiao seemed to have in hand, two judges decided otherwise, giving Bradley a split decision Saturday night and ending the Filipino fighter's remarkable seven-year unbeaten run.

"I did my best. I guess my best wasn't good enough."

Manny Pacquiao

On the web

The field appears to be wide open as players begin to arrive in San Francisco for this week's U.S. Open. At the Olympic Club course, nothing ever seems to turn out as expected, similar to how many top golfers' seasons have gone thus far. Scan the code for the story.

The Whitecaps' Davide Chiumiento watches a shot slide wide behind Houston's Tally Hall. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

Mattocks makes it happen vs. Dynamo

MLS. Whitecaps prospect scores two in second start of season

After some early bad luck off the field, Darren Mattocks is starting to make a name for himself with the Vancouver Whitecaps.

The 21-year-old Jamaican scored a goal in each half Sunday as the Whitecaps defeated the Houston Dynamo 3-1 in Major League Soccer play.

Mattocks, the second-overall pick in the 2012 MLS Superdraft, missed about six weeks earlier in the season while recovering from severe burns suffered during a cooking accident at home.

Sunday's game

Whitecaps	Dynamo
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He's been back for a month, but had played just 100 minutes entering Sunday's game.

"When you get your chance you just have to make full use of it," said Mattocks, who despite limited action is now tied for the team lead with three goals.

He scored 21 goals in 22 games at the University of Akron last season and scored in the 90th minute of Vancouver's last contest, a 1-1 tie with Portland two weeks ago.

"I know I'm capable of scoring goals," said Mattocks, who made just his second start of the year Sunday. "That never came back into my mind. I just wanted to get back into the playing pitch as fast as possible and do what I was brought here to do."

The speedy Mattocks opened the scoring in the fourth minute against Houston. Young-Pyo Lee rushed down the right side and centred the ball to a streaking Mattocks, who one-timed a volley past Dynamo goalkeeper Tally Hall.

Mattocks stretched the Vancouver lead to 2-0 in the 66th minute after taking a feed from Gershon Koffie and firing a right-footed shot past Hall.

Jordan Harvey had the other goal for Vancouver (6-3-4).

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"He knows I'm a player that likes to get behind, so playing with Gershon is really great for me."

Darren Mattocks on Gershon Koffie, who set up his second goal on Sunday.

French Open

Vancouver's Peliwo finishes second in junior competition

Canadian Filip Peliwo came up short in his second straight junior Grand Slam final, suffering a 6-1, 6-4 loss to Belgian Kimmer Coppejans on Sunday at the French Open.

The 18-year-old from Vancouver smashed his racket in frustration after his opponent claimed the title on his first match point. Peliwo had put the Belgian under pressure with three break points in the final game, but Coppejans managed to save them all — the third with an ace.

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Filip Peliwo in Paris on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Jamaica

Bolt OK after early morning 'fender bender'

Usain Bolt was involved in a minor car crash shortly before dawn Sunday in his Caribbean homeland of Jamaica but was not hurt, according to the publicist for the world's fastest man.

Carole Beckford said the three-time Olympic champion was returning from a party with friends in the early hours Sunday when he was involved in a "fender bender" in Jamaica's capital of Kingston.

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Blue Jays' bats come to life in Atlanta

After watching the Blue Jays score a combined five runs in two losses to the Braves, John Farrell fretted about his team's inability to "bunch some hits together."

The Blue Jays came through with an impressive solution in the final game of the series.

Brett Lawrie and Colby Rasmus each homered and drove in three runs and Toronto rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Atlanta 12-4 on Sunday.

The Blue Jays set a season high with 18 hits as they ended a three-game losing streak. The offensive outburst, which started with a six-run fifth inning, came after Toronto was held to one hit in four scoreless innings by Braves rookie Julio Teheran.

Sunday's game

Blue Jays	Braves
12	4

"The way things started out, it wasn't looking real promising," Farrell said. "We were able to string a number of hits together.... We were able to string together not only the six runs but it continued on through the middle and latter part of the game."

The Braves' six-game winning streak ended even though they led 4-0 after three innings. Toronto's Ricky Romero lasted only four innings, giving up eight hits and four runs, three of which were earned.

A key to the Jays' six-run fifth was Farrell's decision to replace Romero with pinch-hitter Yan Gomes, whose single drove in the first run. It was the first of five straight run-scoring hits.

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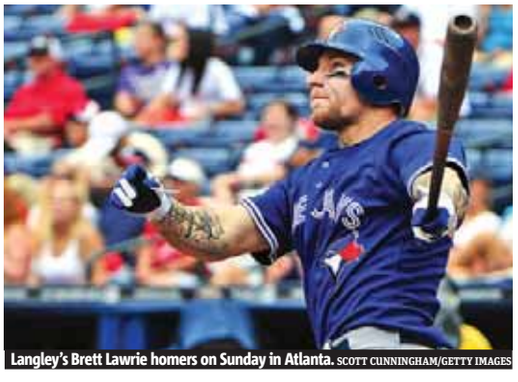
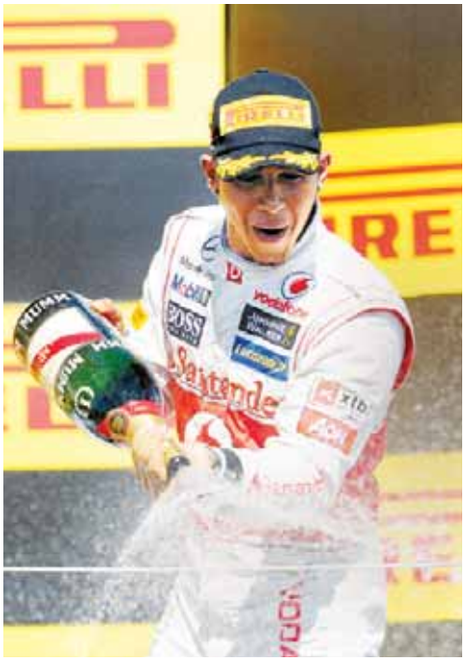


Langley's Brett Lawrie homers on Sunday in Atlanta. SCOTT CUNNINGHAM/GETTY IMAGES



Hamilton makes it three at Canadian Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton celebrates winning the Canadian Grand Prix for the third time on Sunday in Montreal. Hamilton roared past defending F1 champion Sebastian Vettel's Red Bull and Fernando Alonso's Ferrari late in the 70-lap race to take the checkered flag with a 2.5-second gap over Romain Grosjean's Lotus. MARK THOMPSON/GETTY IMAGES

James and Durant set to go head-to-head

NBA. Dominant Heat star pitted against Thunder's offensive juggernaut in finals

Several weeks before this season even started, LeBron James and Kevin Durant were competing against each other.

Hell Week, they called it, a four-day series of gruelling workouts.

Starting Tuesday, they'll meet again. They'll call that the NBA finals.

Neither was playing at the level they are now when James invited Durant to work out with him during the NBA lockout in his hometown of Akron, Ohio. Now as James tries to win his first ring, fittingly, it's Durant in his way.

"It's only right. It's only right," James said. "We look forward to the challenge. It's going to be a big test for us."

James played at a rarely seen level in the Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics. According to STATS LLC, James became the first player since Shaquille O'Neal in the 2000 finals to have six 30-point games in a playoff series. In the one contest where James didn't score 30, he finished with 29 in Game 4, fouling out in overtime.

Dwyane Wade, left, and LeBron James celebrate their win over Boston in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami on Saturday. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

"He was absolutely brilliant this series, and we all know it," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's playing at a historic level during the playoffs, driving us with his will."

There's little argument that James and Durant have been the stars of the post-season. James is averaging 30.8 points, 9.6 rebounds and 5.1 assists, while Durant is at 27.8 points, 7.9 rebounds and 4.2 assists. But while Durant is celebrated for what he's doing as a 23-year-old on the rise, James gets the constant reminder of how he's a 27-year-old without a championship despite moving to Miami.

The Heat and Thunder split two games during the regular season, both winning at home. Durant scored the most points in the NBA this season at 1,850, James was second with 1,683. James won the MVP award, Durant finished second in that balloting. And in these finals, one will finish first again, the other will finish second again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

33.6

LeBron James averaged 33.6 points and 11 rebounds on 53 per cent shooting during the Heat's seven-game series against the Celtics.

Hostile Russian fans may hurt team

Russia's football federation warned its fans Sunday that hooliganism could cost the team vital points at Euro 2012 after UEFA opened disciplinary proceedings into reports of violence by supporters at the team's first match.

Video emerged Saturday of Russia fans fighting with stadium stewards in Wroclaw and UEFA also says it is investigating reports by anti-racism experts of abuse directed at Czech players during Russia's 4-1 victory.

In a statement posted on its website, the Football Union of Russia called on its large contingent of travelling fans to "Respect yourself, your home and your team."

The statement praised the majority of fans for their boisterous support but said political statements "have no place in the stands" and told supporters to co-operate fully with match organizers.

Friday's incidents flared before Russia takes on Poland in a highly charged match on Tuesday — a Russian national holiday when fans plan to march from city centre to the stadium.

The head of the Russian football union and the team's coach placed a wreath Sunday in Warsaw to honour the Polish president and 95 others killed in a 2010 plane crash in Russia.

The symbolic gesture came amid ongoing tensions between Poland and Russia based on a difficult history of war and occupation as well as new distrust that has emerged in the aftermath of the crash.

Sergei Fursenko and Dick Advocaat placed a wreath of pale pink roses at a plaque at the presidential palace in the Polish capital.

Anti-racist experts appointed by UEFA to monitor matches reported Saturday that fans verbally abused Czech defender Theodor Gebre Selassie, who is black. UEFA's disciplinary panel will review the case against Russia on Wednesday.

The alleged improper conduct relates to "crowd disturbances, the setting off and throwing of fireworks and the display of illicit banners," UEFA said.

Russia warned its fans not to throw fireworks, after the Czech Republic match was briefly held up while a steward removed a firework from the pitch. In Friday's incident, four stewards at the stadium were hospitalized and later discharged after being attacked by Russia fans, city police said.

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Fans celebrate Russia's 4-1 win over the Czech Republic on Saturday in Wroclaw, Poland. MCDONALD/GETTY IMAGES

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England

"We start among the 16 teams with a chance to show how good a football nation we are." **England coach Roy Hodgson,** brushing aside recent struggles ahead of Monday's opener against France.

France

Coach not counting club as favourite yet

Brushing aside talk of his side's 21-match unbeaten run, coach Laurent Blanc insists France still has everything to prove heading into its opener against England.

Ahead of Monday's match in Ukraine, Blanc said, "We can't have the same ambition as Germany or Spain" and warned "people tend to forget that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The French work out on Sunday in Donetsk, Ukraine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia

Arshavin leads Russia in opener against Czechs

After only one match, Russia's forward line is already looking like one of the tournament's most imposing.

While the big-name attackers of the Netherlands, Portugal and Germany could only score one goal between them in their opening matches, Russia put four past a hapless Czech defence.

The win was masterminded by Andrei Arshavin, who has returned to form since his loan move from Arsenal to Zenit St. Petersburg. The striker made his name during Zenit's 2008 UEFA Cup title run before helping Russia reach the Euro 2008 semifinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine

"Our young players sometimes want to do more than they can ... and they are very hungry now." **Urkraine coach Oleg Blokhin** on his team's preparedness ahead of Monday's opener against Sweden.

Spain's 14-match win streak ends with draw against Italy

Defending champions. Spaniards surrender opening goal but even things up three minutes later

For Spain, it was a bit of a stumble. For Italy, it was a bit of a reprieve.

Beginning its bid for a third straight major title, the Spanish rallied to earn a 1-1 draw Sunday against Italy, which entered this year's European Championship amid another match-fixing scandal.

Antonio Di Natale put Italy in front after an excellent setup from Andrea Pirlo in the 61st minute, but Cesc Fabregas equalized for the defending champions three minutes later by finishing off a dazzling display of Spain's trademark passing game.

"Being the favourite now is complicated, but in the end we found the character (to earn a draw)," Fabregas said.

Spain, which followed up its Euro 2008 victory with the 2010 World Cup title, dominated the Group C match for long stretches but struggled to finish at times, while Italy relied on dangerous counter-attacks.

Group play

Italy	Spain
1	1

"The thing that really disappoints us is that we allowed them to equalize very quickly," Italy coach Cesare Prandelli said. "We were playing the world champions and we should have made them work harder to get back into the game. We gave Spain the chance to score goals. We need to improve, but that's our mentality."

The draw ended a 14-match winning streak for Spain in competitive matches, which began after a 1-0 loss to Switzerland to open the last World Cup.

Still, it could have been worse.

"I don't leave here frustrated because the effort we made to win this game was tremendous," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "It was a good game, a different kind of game. It was back-and-forth and the draw was the fair result."

Contrasting stars

Mario Balotelli confirmed his reputation as an uncontrollable talent. Antonio Di Natale confirmed his as a late-blooming but utterly pure goal-scorer.

The study in contrasts could not have been greater between the two Italy forwards during Sunday's 1-1 draw with Spain at the European Championship.

The 21-year-old Balotelli earned one yellow card and could have easily been handed another, then wasted his best scoring chance by inexplicably waiting too long to shoot.

The 34-year-old Di Natale scored on his very first chance, five minutes after replacing Balotelli.

The difference in performance could prompt Italy coach Cesare Prandelli to start Di Natale ahead of Balotelli in Italy's next Group C match against Croatia on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Among the 38,869 in attendance were Italy President Giorgio Napolitano and Spain Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Antonio Di Natale of Italy scores past goalkeeper Iker Casillas of Spain during a Euro 2012 Group C match on Sunday in Gdansk, Poland. CLAUDIO VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Mandzukic double helps Croatia beat Ireland

Croatia's Nikica Jelavic, left, and Ireland's Richard Dunne jump for the ball during their Euro 2012 Group C match in Poznan, Poland, Sunday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playing in a difficult group with Spain and Italy, it's Croatia at the top.

The Croats took advantage of a frail Ireland defence to win their opening match at the European Championship, getting two goals from Mario Mandzukic in a 3-1 victory on a rainy evening at the Municipal Stadium.

"I still can't believe what we just did. It was a fantastic victory," Mandzukic said. "We knew it would be a tough match, but we responded excellently and we achieved a great victory."

Group play

Croatia	Ireland
3	1

Croatia now leads Group C with three points, while Spain and Italy each have one point after their 1-1 draw in Gdansk, Poland. Ireland, which is playing at a major tournament for the first time in 10 years, is last.

Croatia took the lead in the third minute when Mandzukic looped a header past a diving Shay Given, but Ireland equalized in the 19th when Sean St. Ledger headed in Aiden McGeady's free kick from the left.

Nikica Jelavic put Croatia back in front in the 43rd minute, scoring his first goal in a competitive match since he made his international debut in 2009.

Mandzukic added the third in the 48th after his header from Ivan Perisic's cross bounced off the post and into the net off Given's head.

Quoted

"Croatia didn't split us open. From our point of view they were disappointing goals to concede."

Ireland player Sean St. Ledger on having three goals scored against his team

Croatia nearly made it 4-1 in the 77th when Ivan Rakitic's shot curled just wide of Given's right-hand post. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crossword

Across

1 Comedian Jay
5 Oil cartel
9 Gym event
12 Duel tool
13 Deck in the ring
14 Mamie's man
15 Formidable request
17 Martini base
18 Wool provider
19 Wan
21 Tagged player
22 Let
24 Hardly hirsute
27 Pair
28 Old Italian bread
31 Id counterpart
32 Altar affirmative
33 Agt.
34 Depressed
36 Pinch
37 Toward the sunset
38 Its participants must form a line
40 Derisive laugh
41 USNA freshman
43 Merchant of Venice heroine
47 Verily
48 Stenog's skill
51 Felonious flight
52 Exhaust
53 Roughly
54 Em halves
55 Nimble
56 Oodles

Down

1 Transcending (Pref.)
2 16-Down's birthstone
3 Succor
4 Moved the carpeting
5 Gumbo base
6 Cushion
7 Storm centre
8 Reef material
9 Circus star's walkway
10 Tom Joad, e.g.
11 Teller's partner
16 See 2-Down (Abbr.)
20 Costa del —
22 Sound
23 Aerobatic maneuver
24 Foundation
25 Past
26 Short-range headlights
27 Bell noise
29 Dos' neighbours
30 Likely
35 Pen point
37 Soup-can painter
39 Bird houses?
40 Stolen
41 Nabors role
42 Slender
43 Quarry
44 Poi base
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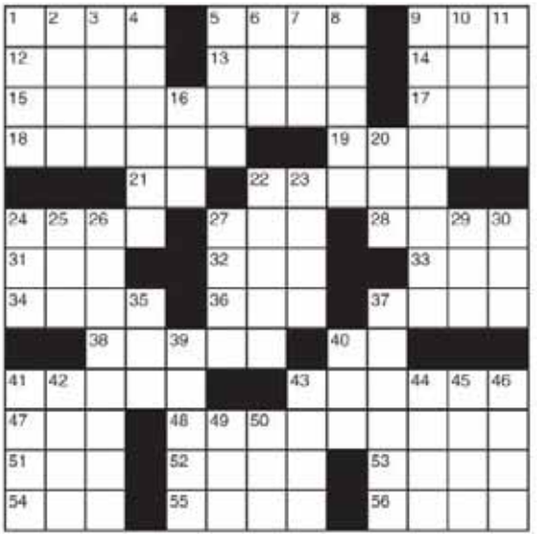
46 Commotions
49 With it
50 Bobby of hockey



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9				6	7			1

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	5	2	9	1	6	4	7
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9	6	4	3	1	2	7	8	5
2	5	7	4	8	9	3	6	1
6	8	3	1	4	5	9	7	2
5	7	1	9	2	6	8	3	4
4	9	2	8	7	3	1	5	6

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

PDWO PEFJ IOETIFL IBW HWBK TIOOWBFK, LDARFJ KAR LIK YDWK'BW AO YDWEB XWILY XWDIHEAB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AS YOUNG TEENAGE BOYS, MIGHT A SMALL GROUP OF FUTURE LOGGERS HAVE AN OVERNIGHT LUMBER PARTY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals R

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. This is a good day for socializing, for spending quality time with your friends.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Enjoy yourself today but make sure you know your limits and make sure you stay within them.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Jupiter moves into your sign today, signaling the start of a more fortunate phase, but don't expect too much.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You are under no obligation to work your fingers to the bone, nor are you obliged to rescue a friend or work colleague from a situation that is entirely of their own making.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. The moment you start to believe that nothing can possibly go wrong is often the moment when you are in the most danger.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The more you want something to happen today the more likely it is you will overreach yourself and make a serious mistake.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will be on the move in some fashion today. Where you go and what you do is entirely up to you but, for best results, try to make it some place that inspires you mentally, emotionally and spiritually too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will be in a dreamy mood today but you need to be serious too, especially about money issues which involve other people.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Partners and colleagues will grant any favor you ask of them today — so ask away!

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Resist the urge to rush things, especially on the work front where you won't do your reputation much good if you do too much too quickly and make silly mistakes.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Jupiter, planet of good fortune, moves in your favour today but that does not mean you can do as you please.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Be wary of people who try to baffle you by introducing facts and figures that have no relevance to what you are working on.

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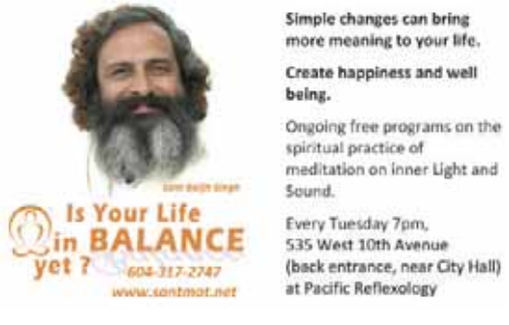
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+3 payments on us* (Or equivalent) Up to $1,650

bi-weekly for 60 months. Offer includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,577 and **$500** competitive bonus.†† $2,000 down payment. **BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $23,572.** Offer based on Optima LX MT.

HWY (A/T): 5.6L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 8.6L/100KM

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KIA 2012 GRAND FINALE CLEAROUT

ONLY 6 DAYS LEFT!

3 PAYMENTS ON US SALES EVENT
ON SELECT MODELS

JUNE 11TH TO 16TH

0% FINANCING ON 2012's**
ON SELECT MODELS

PAY UNTIL FALL

2012 SORENTO

+3 payments on us¥
(Or equivalent)
Up to $1,650

WELL-EQUIPPED FROM $22,667◂ | INCLUDES $3,100 CASH SAVINGS

Includes delivery, destination and fees of $1,772 and $3,100 cash savings.
BASED ON A PURCHASE PRICE OF $25,767.
Offer based on Sorento LX MT.

TOP SAFETY PICK 2012^ INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

7 PASSENGER SEATING AVAILABLE

HWY (A/T): 6.2L/100KM
CITY (A/T): 9.5L/100KM

Sorento SX shown

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